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SUBJECT:LASH OPERATIONS OF VESSEL ROBERT E. LEE

1. WATERMAN STEAMSHIP LINES REPORTS THAT SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE FRUSTRATED THE NORMAL COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS OF ITS LASH VESSEL, THE 'ROBERT E. LEE'. DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN GSL AND WATERMAN MAY BE THE RESULT OF A BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WATERMAN AND THE CENTRAL FREIGHT BUREAU (CFB) ON THE CHANNELING OF CARGO. WATERMAN'S AGENT IN COLOMBO IS AITKEN SPENCE SHIPPING, LTD.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE WATERMAN'S REPORT. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT THE SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR, H.E. NEVILLE KANAKARATNE, IS A SHIPPING EXPERT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM USG OFFICIALS HAVE HAD NUMEROUS CONTACTS BILATERALLY AS WELL AS IN THE UNCTAD FORUM IN REGARD TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES. IF EMBASSY'S INVESTIGATION WARRANTS IT, WE MIGHT CONSIDER APPROACHING KANAKARATNE ON THIS MATTER. KISSINGER
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